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SUBJ: TITLE II GRAIN SORGHUM SHIPMENTS TO UPPER VOLTA

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 609, 665, STATE 65069, 95349, 98390; ACCRA 3119

FOR JOINT STATE/ AID ACTION

1. SUMMARY. ACTION REQUESTED: URGE DELIVERY IN JUNE OF THREE THOUSAND TONS SORGHUM FOR UPPER VOLTA VIA TEMA/ LOME IN ADDITION TO SHIPMENTS ALREADY SCHEDULED.

2. FAILURE USG LIVE UP TO PROMISED SCHEDULE OF GRAIN SHIPMENT ARRIVALS FOR UPPER VOLTA WILL PLACE USG IN VERY EMBARRASSING POSITION IN NEAR FUTURE. VOLTANS ARE COUNTING ON US FILL MINIMUM NEEDS, AND NO OTHER DONOR ABLE TAKE OUR PLACE.

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3. USG HAS AGREED PROVIDE TOTAL OF 21,000 TONS OF SORGHUM. BASED ON TELEGRAMS FROM WASHINGTON WE TOLD VOLTANS THAT WE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY 12,500 TONS TO AFRICAN PORTS BY END JUNE. LATEST SHIP ARRIVAL DATA INDICATES ONLY 5,856 TONS WILL ARRIVE BEFORE END OF JUNE, CONSISTING OF 4 APRIL - S. S. NIGERIA - 2,856 TONS; LATE MAY - S. S. DEL ORO - 500 TONS; JUNE 1 - S. S. NOPAL LUNA - 2,500 TONS.

4. FACT IS UPPER VOLTA SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN SHORTED BY 6,000 TONS THROUGH APPARENT DIVERSION 3,000 TONS AND LATE SHIPMENT OF REMAINDER. REGARDLESS WHETHER "DIVERSION" TECHNICALLY INVOLVED, RESHUFFLING OF DELIVERIES VIA S. S. DEL ORO AND S. S. DEL SOL HAS REDUCED AMOUNT OF MAY/ JUNE DELIVERIES FOR UPPER VOLTA BY 3,000 TONS COMPARED TO SCHEDULE IN "UPPER VOLTA" PORTION OF STATE 65069. AS MUCH OF SHORTAGE AS POSSIBLE MUST BE MADE UP DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS.

5. NOTE THAT IN CONTRAST ABIDJAN AND DAKAR (ROME 4106), TRANSSHIPMENT PROBLEMS/ DELAYS NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATED FOR TEMA/ LOME. ALSO NOTE THAT MUCH SMALLER PROPORTION OF COMMITMENTS TO UPPER VOLTA DELIVERED TO DATE THAN FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. STATE 95349 REPORTS THAT ALMOST HALF OF GRAIN COMMITTED TO WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER USG TITLE II HAS BEEN DELIVERED OR SHIPPED. BUT FOR UPPER VOLTA ONLY 28 PERCENT SHIPPED OR DELIVERED; AND THIS PERCENTAGE DROPS TO 23 PERCENT IF INCLUDE USG COMMITMENT VIA WFP.

6. SITUATION WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF UPPER VOLTA WERE RECIPIENT BIG MULTI- DONOR EFFORT IN MASS- CONSUMPTION GRAINS (CORN, SORGHUM, MILLET) FOR WHICH DROUGHT CAUSED HARVEST SHORTFALL ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS. UNFORTUNATELY RECEIPTS THESE GRAINS TO DATE FROM OTHER DONORS TOTAL ONLY 5,000 TONS, AND ALMOST NOTHING MORE DUE ARRIVE BETWEEN NOW AND JULY.

7. RECEIPT SEVERAL THOUSAND ADDITIONAL TONS USG SORGHUM AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IS VITAL FOR UPPER VOLTA, WHILE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS TINY IN OVER- ALL WEST AFRICAN PICTURE. OPTIMUM WOULD BE RECEIPT SIX THOUSAND TONS ADDITIONAL, BUT BELIEVE CAN MAKE DO WITH THREE THOUSAND TONS IF THERE IS NO SLIPPAGE IN DELIVERY 2,500 TONS ALREADY SCHEDULED ARRIVE TEMA VIA S. S. NOPAL TELLUS JULY 7.

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8. HENCE MOST STRONGLY URGE ADDITIONAL SHIPMENT(S) TOTALLING AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND TONS BE DELIVERED TO TEMA/ LOME FOR UPPER VOLTA IN JUNE IN ADDITION TO ARRIVALS ALREADY SCHEDULED. EMBASSY ACCRA HAS ALREADY REPORTED TEMA ABILITY HANDLE ADDITIONAL 2,500

TONS. AMBASSADOR EASUM CONFIRMS BASED ON PERSONAL INSPECTION
MAY 22 AT TEMA AND AKOSOMBO PORT. WE SUGGEST REMAINING 500 TONS BE
SENT VIA LOME.
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